REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR March 7, 2002

VPLE INSURANCE FEES UNCHANGED

The RR Program has renewed its insurance policy for Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) sites where a responsible party is requesting closure while using natural attenuation to complete the cleanup. The state's premiums as part of the master policy have not changed. As a result, the fees that voluntary parties must pay in order to obtain a Certificate of Completion for sites closed using natural attenuation will be the same in 2002 as they were in 2001. The current fee schedule will be effective from March 5, 2002 until March 5, 2003. The fee schedule and more information about this program can be found in newly revised "Fact Sheet #13 - Insurance for Voluntary Party Liability Exemption Sites Using Natural Attenuation: Information and Fee Schedule" (publication #RR-661), on the web at: http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR661.pdf Questions about the insurance may be directed to Michael Prager at pragem@dnr.state.wi.us, or at (608) 261-4927.

ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL GUIDELINES FOR GIS REGISTRY

The RR Program now has guidelines for submitting case closure requests that include electronic files. The guidelines apply to sites that will be included on the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites. The new guidelines outline how responsible party representatives should prepare documents for submittal on disk or CD-ROM. This will allow the representatives to provide maps and drawings in a "registry ready" format without any need to change the size of maps when preparing a paper copy. In addition, submittal of electronic files will help reduce the size of files on registry, because they will be produced directly from electronic documents rather than by scanning paper copies. The guidelines are on the web at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR690.pdf Questions on the guidelines may be directed to Gary Edelstein at edelsg@dnr.state.wi.us, or at 608-267-7563.

GIS CHECKLIST NOW AVAILABLE

The RR Program has developed a new checklist for the documents that consultants need to submit with case closure requests if a site will be included on the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites. Publication RR-688 is the "Checklist of Documents for GIS Registry Packet". The checklist shows the order in which the documents should be assembled for the on-line registry, which is somewhat different from the order of documents listed on the case closure form (Form 4400-202). The new GIS checklist is on the web at

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR688.pdf If you have questions, please contact Tom Fass at fasst@dnr.state.wi.us, or at 608-267-3532.

NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS FACT SHEET

A negotiated agreement is a legal contract for conducting a nonemergency cleanup of a hazardous substance discharge. Each agreement is customized for the particular site and the parties involved. It clarifies liabilities and financial responsibilities for the cleanup, and generally includes a schedule for remediation activities. At a minimum, the negotiated agreement includes the DNR and the party or parties who are required to conduct the cleanup, or who are voluntarily completing the cleanup. Local governmental units may also enter into the agreement as intermediaries, if the property is located in a business improvement district or in an area designated by the local government. Preparation of negotiated agreements requires DNR attorney and technical staff time to review proposed agreements and meet with appropriate parties. The fee for obtaining a negotiated agreement is \$1,000. A new fact sheet describing negotiated agreements, Publication RR-664, is now available on our web site at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR664.pdf If you have questions about negotiated agreements, please contact the RR Program Land Recycling Team member in your regional DNR office. A map of Land Recycling Team members is included at the end of Publication RR-644.

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